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TONIGHT I WANT TO SAY SOMETHING A LITTLE OUT OF THE ORDINARY. YES, I WANT TO TALK ABOUT OUR ACCOMPLISHMENTS IN 1985 AND OUR PLANS FOR 1986, BUT I ALSO WANT TO TALK ABOUT WHAT THEY TELL US ABOUT THIS STATE AS A COMMUNITY; AND ABOUT THE VALUES AND CHARACTER THAT HAVE MADE US A SHOWCASE FOR THE NATION. I WANT TO SHARE WITH YOU SOME OF THE THINGS THAT I HAVE SEEN AND LEARNED OVER THE PAST SEVERAL MONTHS AND WHAT I BELIEVE WE CAN DO TOGETHER TO CREATE A FUTURE OF UNPARALLELED OPPORTUNITY FOR OURSELVES AND FOR OUR FELLOW CITIZENS.

1985 WAS AN EXTRAORDINARY YEAR IN MASSACHUSETTS.

A YEAR WHEN WE WROTE SOME GREAT NEW CHAPTERS IN THE MASSACHUSETTS SUCCESS STORY.

A YEAR WHICH SAW THE PASSAGE OF AN EDUCATION BILL THAT CAN ENSURE QUALITY EDUCATION FOR EVERY STUDENT IN THIS COMMONWEALTH.

A YEAR THAT WILL MAKE THE WORD OPPORTUNITY MEAN SOMETHING FOR INJURED WORKERS AND THEIR FAMILIES.

A YEAR WHEN WE AGAIN PROVIDED OUR CITIES AND TOWNS WITH A GENEROUS SHARE OF THE COMMONWEALTH'S GROWTH REVENUES--AND SPECIAL HELP FOR BOSTON--THANKS TO THE MAYOR OF THIS CITY.

A YEAR OF TREMENDOUS PROGRESS IN STRENGTHENING THE QUALITY OF LIFE FOR ALL OF OUR CITIZENS--WITH STRICT CONTROLS ON ACID RAIN, TOUGH PENALTIES ON POLLUTERS, AND NEW INVESTMENTS TO CLEAN UP OUR RIVERS AND STREAMS AND HARBORS.

A YEAR WHEN WE REAFFIRMED AND EXPANDED OUR COMMITMENT TO DECENT AND AFFORDABLE HOUSING FOR ALL OF OUR CITIZENS.

A YEAR WHEN WE APPROVED A RECORD-BREAKING TRANSPORTATION BOND ISSUE THAT WILL HELP US WITH THE TRAFFIC PROBLEMS OF TODAY WHILE WE BUILD A FIRST-CLASS TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM FOR TOMORROW.

A YEAR WHEN WE REDOUBLED OUR EFFORTS TO MAKE OUR HIGHWAYS SAFE--WITH MORE AND TOUGHER DRUNK DRIVING ENFORCEMENT AND A SEATBELT LAW--OR SHOULD I SAY A LIFEBELT LAW. FOR THAT IS WHAT IT IS--THAT WILL SPARE THOUSANDS OF MASSACHUSETTS FAMILIES THE TRAGEDY OF DEATH AND CRIPPLING INJURY.

A YEAR WHEN WE APPROVED THE LARGEST TAX CUT IN THE COMMONWEALTH'S HISTORY--ONE THAT I AM PROUD TO SAY PROVIDES SUBSTANTIAL BENEFITS FOR OUR LOW AND MIDDLE-INCOME TAXPAYERS.

A YEAR WHEN MASSACHUSETTS HAD AN UNEMPLOYMENT RATE OF 3.9%--THE LOWEST OF ANY INDUSTRIAL STATE IN THE NATION FOR THE THIRD YEAR IN A ROW.

TO THE SPEAKER AND THE SENATE PRESIDENT, A SPECIAL WORD OF THANKS FOR ALL YOU HAVE DONE TO MAKE THIS POSSIBLE.

AND TO THE MEMBERS OF THE GENERAL COURT AND THE FINE TEAM OF MEN AND WOMEN IN MY ADMINISTRATION WHO HAVE WORKED WITH YOU--MY THANKS AND APPRECIATION TO YOU ALL.

WORKING WITH YOU I HOPE WE CAN ACCOMPLISH EVEN MORE IN 1986--TOUGH AND FAIR CRIMINAL SENTENCING LAWS; THE REFORM OF OUR PENSION AND MEDICAL MALPRACTICE SYSTEMS; A CONTINUED ASSAULT ON SOLID AND HAZARDOUS WASTES; FUNDAMENTAL IMPROVEMENT IN OUR CARE AND TREATMENT OF THE SERIOUSLY AND CHRONICALLY MENTALLY ILL--THESE ARE JUST SOME OF THE THINGS WE WILL BE WORKING ON TOGETHER IN THE COMING MONTHS.

AND WITH YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT, WE WILL MAKE 1986 EVERY BIT AS SUCCESSFUL AS 1985.

BUT THE ACHIEVEMENTS OF THIS PAST YEAR WERE NOT LIMITED JUST TO THE STATE HOUSE.

FOR ACROSS THIS COMMONWEALTH PEOPLE AND COMMUNITIES WERE WRITING THEIR OWN SUCCESS STORIES--SUCCESS STORIES THAT ARE MAKING THIS STATE A COMMON-WEALTH IN THE BEST SENSE OF THE WORD--A PLACE WHERE PEOPLE COME

FIRST AND WHERE CITIZENS TAKE PRIDE IN WHO THEY ARE AND WHAT THEY ARE DOING AND SHARING TOGETHER.

ONE OF THOSE STORIES IS THE STORY OF THE TOWNS OF ATHOL AND ORANGE. BACK IN 1982, YOU COULD SEE AND FEEL THE HARD TIMES IN THOSE TOWNS. IT GOT SO BAD THAT EACH MORNING HUNDREDS OF PEOPLE, WITHOUT JOBS IN THEIR OWN COMMUNITIES, WOULD GET ON BUSES TO MAKE THE LONG JOURNEY TO FRAMINGHAM, TWO HOURS AWAY.

BUT WHEN I VISITED THERE THIS PAST NOVEMBER, WHAT I SAW WAS A VERY DIFFERENT STORY.

I SAW TWO DOWNTOWNS--OLD BUT WITH CHARM AND VITALITY--BOTH COMING BACK STRONG. I WELCOMED NEW BUSINESSES THAT WERE JUST ARRIVING; AND I VISITED WHAT HAD BEEN A FAILING COMPANY AND MET WITH 40 NEW OWNERS--ALL FORMER EMPLOYEES WHO ARE BRINGING THEIR COMPANY BACK TO LIFE.

THESE THINGS DIDN'T HAPPEN BY ACCIDENT.

PRIDE. HARD WORK. PLENTY OF HELP FROM THE COMMONWEALTH. LOTS OF HELP AND ENCOURAGEMENT FROM EACH OTHER. THAT'S THE STORY OF ATHOL AND ORANGE TODAY.

AND WHAT'S HAPPENING IN THOSE TWO PROUD OLD TOWNS IS HAPPENING ALL OVER MASSACHUSETTS.

IT'S HAPPENING ON COLUMBIA ROAD IN DORCHESTER WHERE THE ROXBURY MULTI-SERVICE CENTER, BOSTON'S BUILDING TRADES UNIONS AND MASSACHUSETTS BUSINESSES HAVE CONTRIBUTED THEIR SKILLS AND RESOURCES TO TURN A BOMBED OUT SHELL OF A BUILDING INTO A NEW HOME FOR TEN HOMELESS MASSACHUSETTS FAMILIES.

AND TODAY A BUILDING THAT MAY LOOK PERFECTLY ORDINARY ON THE OUTSIDE--JUST ANOTHER RESIDENCE--IS A HOME THAT SHINES WITH THE CHARACTER AND HEART OF THE PEOPLE OF OUR STATE.

IT'S HAPPENING IN FITCHBURG WHERE DORIS LUPACZYKPINEO--THE MOTHER OF TWO SMALL CHILDREN--MADE AN INVESTMENT IN HER LIFE--AND WITH THE HELP OF OUR ET CHOICES PROGRAM ENROLLED IN A TRAINING COURSE AT THE MONTACHUSETT EMPLOYMENT TRAINING CENTER.

TODAY SHE IS AN ELECTRONICS TECHNICIAN FOR HUDSON WEST IN FITCHBURG EARNING NEARLY $6.00 AN HOUR. HAS HER LIFE BEEN CHANGED? LISTEN TO HER OWN WORDS:

"THE DOOR TO LET MY FAMILY OUT OF THE TRAP HAS BEEN LIFTED."

AND LAST NOVEMBER SHE AND HER NEW HUSBAND, A STUDENT IN THAT SAME TRAINING COURSE, WERE ABLE TO BUY A HOME--THEIR FIRST.

AND YET, WHILE WE CELEBRATE OUR SUCCESS AND WORK TO CREATE AN EVEN BETTER FUTURE, WE HAVE ONCE AGAIN BEEN REMINDED IN THESE PAST FEW WEEKS--REMINDED THROUGH THE STARK TRAGEDY OF THE LOSS OF HUMAN LIVES--THAT THE JOB IS NOT YET FINISHED.

JAMES WOODS--THE MAN THE NEWSPAPERS CALLED JIMMY THE BROOM. ALONE, HOMELESS, YET STRANGELY INDEPENDENT. A MAN WHO, FOR HIS OWN REASONS, WOULDN'T GO TO A SHELTER BUT INSISTED ON LIVING BY HIMSELF IN A DOWNTOWN GARAGE. AND THEN, IN A SAD AND DISTURBING ACCIDENT, ONE COLD NIGHT, HE BURNED TO DEATH. I DON'T KNOW WHAT THE ANSWER IS FOR JAMES WOODS AND OTHERS LIKE HIM. BUT I KNOW THIS--<u>THERE MUST</u> BE AN ANSWER, AND IT IS UP TO ALL OF US TO FIND IT.

AND MIKE VENTRESCA AND DENNIS KAUFF--TWO YOUNG MEN IN THE PRIME OF THEIR CAREERS--BOTH TAKEN FROM US IN STUPID, SENSELESS AUTOMOBILE ACCIDENTS JUST BLOCKS FROM WHERE THEY LIVED. WE DON'T HAVE THE ANSWER FOR THOSE TRAGEDIES EITHER--BUT I CAN TELL YOU THIS: I, FOR ONE, WILL NOT STOP UNTIL OUR MESSAGE ABOUT THE DANGERS OF DRUG AND ALCOHOL ABUSE REACHES <u>EVERY</u> SCHOOL AND <u>EVERY</u> COMMUNITY IN THIS COMMONWEALTH.

THESE STORIES--INSPIRING IN MANY CASES, TRAGIC IN OTHERS--SAY MUCH ABOUT WHO WE ARE AND WHAT THIS COMMONWEALTH IS ALL ABOUT.

FOR IN THE LAST ANALYSIS, WHAT WE HAVE DONE IN MASSACHUSETTS THESE PAST THREE YEARS REFLECTS A SIMPLE BUT PROFOUND IDEA--AN IDEA AS POWERFUL AS ANY IN HUMAN HISTORY.

IT IS THE IDEA OF COMMUNITY. IT IS THE IDEA THAT WE ARE IN THIS TOGETHER; THAT REGARDLESS OF RACE OR ETHNIC ORIGIN OR HOW MUCH MONEY YOU HAVE, EACH OF US COUNTS. AND THAT BY WORKING TOGETHER TO CREATE OPPORTUNITY FOR ALL, ALL OF US ARE ENRICHED--NOT JUST IN ECONOMIC TERMS, BUT ENRICHED AS CITIZENS AND AS HUMAN BEINGS.

IT IS AN IDEA THAT WAS FIRST PLANTED IN THE NEW WORLD RIGHT HERE IN MASSACHUSETTS.

"WE MUST," SAID THIS COMMONWEALTH'S FIRST GOVERNOR, "LOVE ONE ANOTHER WITH A PURE HEART FERVENTLY. WE MUST DELIGHT IN EACH OTHER, MAKE EACH OTHERS' CONDITIONS OUR OWN, REJOICE TOGETHER, MOURN TOGETHER, LABOR AND SUFFER TOGETHER. IF ONE MEMBER SUFFERS, ALL SUFFER WITH IT; IF ONE BE IN HONOR, ALL REJOICE WITH IT."

JOHN WINTHROP WAS NOT TALKING JUST ABOUT MATERIAL SUCCESS. OF COURSE, THAT DIMENSION OF OUR LIVES IS IMPORTANT. WE ALL WANT A GOOD LIFE FOR OURSELVES AND OUR FAMILIES.

HE WAS ALSO TALKING ABOUT THE SATISFACTION THAT COMES FROM LIVING IN A COMMUNITY IN WHICH OTHERS ARE DOING WELL, TOO. THE SATISFACTION THAT COMES FROM LIVING IN A COMMUNITY IN WHICH WE TAKE PRIDE IN THE ACHIEVEMENTS OF EACH OTHER.

WHEN RUBY SAMPSON AND HER CHILDREN LEAVE FOURTEEN YEARS OF WELFARE AND SHE BECOMES AN OPERATING ROOM TECHNICIAN AT THE BRIGHAM AND WOMEN'S HOSPITAL, WE ARE ALL ENRICHED AND ENNOBLED.

WHEN ARNIE HIATT AND JACK CONNORS AND TOM FLATLEY OPEN QUALITY DAY CARE CENTERS FOR THEIR EMPLOYEES, WE ARE ALL ENRICHED AND ENNOBLED.

WHEN TOMMY MCINTYRE AND HIS BRICKLAYERS BUILD NEW HOUSING IN SOUTH BOSTON AT A COST THAT FAMILIES CAN AFFORD, WE ARE ALL ENRICHED AND ENNOBLED.

AND WHEN TEN THOUSAND PEOPLE WALK A HUNDRED THOUSAND MILES TO RAISE A MILLION DOLLARS TO FEED THE HUNGRY, WE ARE ALL ENRICHED AND ENNOBLED.

CONFIDENCE IN OURSELVES. COMMITMENT TO EACH OTHER. THAT IS THE SPIRIT OF MASSACHUSETTS.

THAT IS WHAT A WELL-KNOWN PHILOSOPHER AND SENIOR STATESMAN FOR THE NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS, NAMED JULIUS ADAMS, WAS TALKING ABOUT THE OTHER DAY WHEN HE SAID, "WE HAVE A NEW ATTITUDE AROUND US. WE WORK AS A TEAM. NOT I, BUT WE."

AND THAT IS WHY WE MUST CONTINUE TO INVEST IN THE EXTRAORDINARY STRENGTHS THAT MASSACHUSETTS ALREADY POSSESSES--OUR WORLD WIDE REPUTATION FOR EDUCATIONAL EXCELLENCE; THE QUALITY OF OUR ENVIRONMENT; THE STRENGTH OF OUR ECONOMY; THE FEELING OF COMMON CONCERN FOR EACH OTHER.

NOW THERE WILL BE SOME WHO WILL CRITICIZE THIS COMMITMENT TO INVEST IN OUR PEOPLE--IN OUR COMMUNITIES--IN OUR FUTURE. THEY WILL SAY THAT WE ARE SPENDING TOO MUCH--THAT THE RESOURCES WE ARE DEDICATING TO OUR COMMON PROBLEMS ARE TOO GENEROUS.

I REJECT THAT CRITICISM. I CHALLENGE THOSE WHO WOULD HAVE US DO LESS.

LET THEM GO TO ATHOL AND ORANGE. LET THEM VISIT THOSE DAY CARE CENTERS; AND THAT SHELTER ON COLUMBIA ROAD. AND LET THEM TALK TO RUBY SAMPSON AND DORIS LUPACZYK PINEO AND TOMMY MCINTYRE.

AND I WANT TO TELL THEM IN ADVANCE THAT I STAND READY TO CARRY OUR

CASE TO YOU, THE CITIZENS OF THE COMMONWEALTH. YOU UNDERSTAND THE FOLLY OF THE NAY-SAYERS. YOU KNOW THAT ONLY BY INVESTING IN OUR STRENGTHS CAN WE REMAIN STRONG.

THESE INVESTMENTS IN OUR FUTURE WILL TAKE MANY FORMS. BUT THREE OF THEM ARE ESPECIALLY IMPORTANT--LIVING, LEARNING, AND WORKING.

IN THE PAST, THESE THREE IDEAS HAVE BEEN AT THE HEART OF THE AMERICAN DREAM: THE PROMISE OF ONE DAY OWNING YOUR OWN HOME; THE BELIEF THAT EDUCATION IS THE LADDER OF OPPORTUNITY FOR ALL; AND THE PROMISE OF WORK AS A MEANS TO SELF-RELIANCE AND A BETTER LIFE. WE STILL CHERISH THESE DREAMS IN MASSACHUSETTS: WE ARE DETERMINED TO KEEP THEM ALIVE NOW AND IN THE FUTURE.

SO TOMORROW I WILL JOIN WITH THE BRUNO FAMILY AND THEIR NEIGHBORS FOR A GENUINE, OLD-FASHIONED HOUSE-RAISING ON MISSION HILL. WE'LL BE LAUNCHING OUR NEW HOMEOWNERSHIP OPPORTUNITY PROGRAM--A STATEWIDE EFFORT THAT WILL BRING HOME OWNERSHIP WITHIN THE REACH OF THOUSANDS OF FIRST-TIME HOMEBUYERS ALL ACROSS MASSACHUSETTS.

NEXT WEEK IN MY BUDGET MESSAGE I WILL BE RECOMMENDING TO YOU THE LARGEST INCREASE IN HISTORY FOR OUR PUBLIC COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES AND THE LARGEST-EVER SCHOLARSHIP ASSISTANCE PROGRAM SO THAT THE DREAM OF A COLLEGE EDUCATION CAN STAY ALIVE FOR THOUSANDS OF MASSACHUSETTS HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS WHO HAVE THE ABILITY TO CLIMB THAT LADDER BUT MAY LACK THE FINANCIAL MEANS TO MAKE IT HAPPEN.

AND WE WILL CONTINUE TO EXPAND OUR EFFORTS TO BRING ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY TO EVERY CITIZEN OF THIS COMMONWEALTH.

WE WILL STILL PROVIDE FOR THOSE WHO ARE DOWN AND OUT--WHO LACK A MINIMALLY DECENT STANDARD OF LIVING--WHO NEED THE HELPING HAND OF A COMPASSIONATE COMMUNITY.

BUT THERE IS AN OLD CHINESE PROVERB THAT I BELIEVE IN AS DEEPLY AS I BELIEVE IN ANYTHING: "GIVE A MAN A FISH AND YOU FEED HIM FOR A DAY. TEACH HIM HOW TO FISH AND YOU FEED HIM FOR A LIFETIME."

THAT IS WHY I TRAVELLED TO ROXBURY LAST WEEK TO OPEN OUR FIRST EMPLOYMENT OFFICE IN THAT NEIGHBORHOOD. AND THAT IS WHY WE WILL REDOUBLE OUR EFFORTS TO PROVIDE MORE AND BETTER TRAINING; MORE AND BETTER CHILD CARE; MORE AND BETTER ADULT EDUCATION, ESPECIALLY EDUCATION FOR LITERACY WHICH TOO MANY OF OUR FELLOW CITIZENS STILL LACK--THE KIND OF SUPPORT AND ENCOURAGEMENT THAT SAYS TO EVERY MASSACHUSETTS CITIZEN: WE'RE CREATING AN ECONOMIC MIRACLE IN THIS STATE, AND WE WANT YOU TO BE A PART OF IT.

AND YET WE HAVE ANOTHER RESPONSIBILITY--PERHAPS OUR MOST IMPORTANT ONE--THE RESPONSIBILITY TO LOOK AHEAD OVER THE NEXT DECADE AND A HALF TO THE YEAR TWO THOUSAND AND TO CREATE A FUTURE FOR OUR CHILDREN AND OUR CHILDREN'S CHILDREN THAT WILL MAKE THE MASSACHUSETTS SUCCESS STORY THEIRS AS WELL AS OURS.

FOR THE PAST THREE MONTHS HUNDREDS OF REPRESENTATIVES OF OUR BUSINESS, LABOR AND EDUCATIONAL COMMUNITIES HAVE JOINED OUR STATE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT TEAM AND ME IN VISITS TO PLANTS AND OFFICES AND SCHOOLS AND LABORATORIES ALL ACROSS THIS COMMONWEALTH. WE LOOKED, WE LISTENED, AND ASKED A LOT OF QUESTIONS.

IT WAS AN EYE-OPENING EXPERIENCE. WE SAW MEN AND WOMEN IN EVERY CORNER OF THIS COMMONWEALTH THINKING, CREATING, INVESTING, PRODUCING, PUSHING INTO THE FRONTIERS OF THE FUTURE, WORKING TOGETHER TO CREATE THE TWENTY-FIRST CENTURY HERE AND NOW.

BECAUSE WHAT WE HEARD AND SAW IS SO IMPORTANT TO THE FUTURE OF ALL OF US, I'D LIKE TO SHARE SOME OF IT WITH YOU THIS EVENING.

(LIGHTS GO DOWN. SLIDE SHOW STARTS HERE)

WE VISITED WITH HUNDREDS OF PEOPLE AT 36 SITES IN EVERY REGION OF THE COMMONWEALTH--PEOPLE WHO WITH SKILL AND ENERGY ARE CREATING THE FUTURE TODAY.

AT OCEAN SPRAY IN MIDDLEBORO AND AT THE G.E. PLANT IN FITCHBURG, WE SAW HOW MANAGEMENT AND LABOR, WORKING TOGETHER, DRAWING ON THAT RESERVE OF GRIT AND CREATIVITY AND KNOW-HOW WHICH HAS MADE MASSACHUSETTS WORKERS FAMOUS--HAVE NOT ONLY SAVED THESE TWO MATURE INDUSTRIES BUT HAVE MADE THEM MORE PRODUCTIVE THAN EVER BEFORE.

AT UNITED MERCHANTS IN FALL RIVER WE SAW A LONG TIME TEXTILE MANUFACTURER APPLYING NEW MACHINERY AND NEW TECHNOLOGY TO THE MAKING OF ONE OF THIS STATE'S OLDEST PRODUCTS--AND DOING IT PROFITABLY AND WELL.

WE WERE ENCOURAGED BY VISITS TO COMPANIES LIKE AEONICS IN BILLERICA AND BARRY CONTROLS IN WATERTOWN, BOTH MASSACHUSETTS COMPANIES THAT ARE DEEPLY INVOLVED IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF NEW TECHNOLOGY THAT WILL HELP OTHER OLDER MASSACHUSETTS AND U.S.INDUSTRIES TO BECOME MORE EFFICIENT, MORE PRODUCTIVE, MORE COMPETITIVE.

WE DISCOVERED THAT THERE WAS STILL PLENTY OF LIFE IN FARMING AND FOOD PRODUCTION--RIGHT HERE IN THE BAY STATE. STATE OF THE ART EGG PRODUCTION AT JOHN RICCA'S FARM IN WESTMINSTER, WITH NEARLY HALF A MILLION CHICKENS! AND SOME OF THE WORLD'S FINEST CATTLE BREEDING FACILITIES--THAT'S RIGHT, CATTLE BREEDING--AT GRAND OAK FARM IN SOUTH HADLEY.

WE SAT IN WONDER AS WE LOOKED AT SOME OF THE THINGS THAT ARE ALREADY COMING OUT OF THE ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE LABORATORY AT MIT--NOT JUST ROBOTS BUT MOVING, FLEXIBLE HANDS THAT WILL SOME DAY DO WORK THAT TODAY ONLY THE HUMAN HAND CAN DO--AND WE MARVELED AT DR. WILLIAM CHICK'S

RESEARCH AT UMASS MEDICAL SCHOOL THAT IS PRODUCING NEW WAYS TO HELP PEOPLE WHO SUFFER FROM DIABETES LEAD HEALTHIER, MORE NORMAL, MORE PRODUCTIVE LIVES.

WE WERE IMPRESSED OVER AND OVER AGAIN AT HOW BASIC RESEARCH IN THE LABORATORIES OF OUR UNIVERSITIES--THE STUFF OF SCIENCE FICTION ONLY YESTERDAY--IS BEING TRANSFORMED INTO COMMERCIALLY SUCCESSFUL PRODUCTS THAT CREATE JOBS AND, SOMETIMES, WHOLE NEW INDUSTRIES. PHOTOVOLTAIC CELLS AT SPIRE CORPORATION IN BEDFORD THAT ARE ALREADY MAKING THE PRODUCTION OF ELECTRICITY FROM SUNLIGHT A REAL AND GROWING PROSPECT IN OUR LIFETIME; AND NEW COMMUNICATION TECHNOLOGIES AT MILLITECH IN SOUTH DEERFIELD THAT HAVE COME FROM RESEARCH AT THE WORLD-CLASS LABS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF MASSACHUSETTS AT AMHERST.

WE WERE AMAZED BY WHAT WE SAW AT BENTHOS IN FALMOUTH--THE CREATOR OF THE UNDERSEA TECHNOLOGY THAT FOUND THE TITANIC--AND BOSE IN FRAMINGHAM--A NAME THAT ANYONE WHO HAS EVER PURCHASED A STEREO WILL RECOGNIZE--COMPANIES THAT ARE NOT ONLY DEMONSTRATING ENORMOUS TECHNOLOGICAL KNOW-HOW AND MARKETING ACUMEN BUT ARE USING THEM TO OUT-HUSTLE, OUT-COMPETE AND OUT-SELL THEIR INTERNATIONAL COMPETITION ALL OVER THE WORLD--INCLUDING JAPAN.

WE HEARD OVER AND OVER AGAIN THAT IN MASSACHUSETTS ECONOMIC GROWTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY GO HAND-IN-HAND. AND THAT THE UNIQUE QUALITY OF LIFE IN THIS STATE--OUR PARKS, OUR BEACHES, OUR MUSEUMS, OUR NEIGHBORHOODS--IS WHAT MAKES IT SO EASY FOR OUR COMPANIES TO ATTRACT AND KEEP THE EXCELLENT PEOPLE THEY NEED.

I CAME AWAY FROM THESE VISITS WITH A STRONG SENSE THAT WE NOW HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO BUILD AN ENVIRONMENT FOR GROWTH AND INNOVATION AND CHANGE WHICH COULD REAP DIVIDENDS FOR GENERATIONS TO COME.

END OF SLIDES

THIS FRIDAY WE WILL BE ASKING MANY OF THE PEOPLE WHO MADE THOSE VISITS TO JOIN US IN A DAY-LONG CONFERENCE HERE AT THE STATE HOUSE ON INNOVATION AND THE ECONOMY OF THE FUTURE.

WE'LL BE DISCUSSING THE ISSUES THAT WERE RAISED IN THOSE VISITS, ISSUES THAT GO TO THE HEART OF OUR FUTURE--AS INDIVIDUALS AND AS A COMMUNITY.

HOW DO WE NURTURE AND SUSTAIN INNOVATION SO THAT MASSACHUSETTS CAN CONTINUE TO LEAD THE NATION AS AN ECONOMIC SHOWCASE AND A BEACON OF OPPORTUNITY?

HOW CAN WE HELP TO GET MORE GOOD IDEAS OUT OF THE LABORATORY AND THE INVENTOR'S GARAGE AND INTO THE MARKETPLACE?

HOW CAN WE DO A BETTER JOB OF PROMOTING AND CARRYING MASSACHUSETTS PRODUCTS AND SERVICES TO THE MARKETS OF THE WORLD?

HOW DO WE CONTINUE TO ENJOY ECONOMIC GROWTH AND SUCCESS WITHOUT CHOKING ON TRAFFIC CONGESTION AND THE SKYROCKETING COST OF HOUSING?

AND IN A WORLD WHERE THE AVERAGE WORKER WILL CHANGE JOBS AT LEAST FIVE TIMES DURING HIS OR HER WORKING LIFE, HOW DO WE MAKE OPPORTUNITIES FOR NEW SKILLS AND NEW KNOWLEDGE AVAILABLE TO OUR CITIZENS LONG AFTER THEY HAVE LEFT HIGH SCHOOL AND COLLEGE FOR THE WORLD OF WORK?

THESE ARE CHALLENGING QUESTIONS. THEY ARE IMPORTANT QUESTIONS. AND THEY ARE QUESTIONS WE MUST ANSWER TO GUARANTEE THAT, EVEN IF THE FUTURE IS AS DIFFERENT FROM THE PRESENT AS THE PRESENT IS FROM THE PAST, MASSACHUSETTS WILL CONTINUE TO LEAD THE WAY.

WE TAKE UP THAT CHALLENGE THIS WEEK. AND I INVITE EVERY CITIZEN OF THIS COMMONWEALTH TO JOIN WITH US AS, TOGETHER, WE CHART OUR FUTURE.

MORE THAN 350 YEARS AGO, JOHN WINTHROP FIRST SOUNDED HIS CALL TO

COMMUNITY--A CALL THAT HAS GUIDED THIS COMMONWEALTH THROUGHOUT OUR HISTORY--AS THE COMMUNITY THAT FIRST UNDERSTOOD THE MEANING OF AN AMERICAN THANKSGIVING; AS THE FORGE FOR THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION; AS THE NATION'S CLASSROOM, USING PUBLIC FUNDS TO HELP ESTABLISH HARVARD AND MIT AND UMASS AND SO MANY OTHER FINE COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES; AS THE SEED BED OF THE INDUSTRIAL REVOLUTION AND NOW THE HIGH TECH REVOLUTION; IN THE LEGISLATIVE VISION TO ADOPT THE NATION'S FIRST CHILD LABOR LAW AND TO CREATE THE FIRST STATE HOSPITAL FOR THE MENTALLY ILL.

THAT IS OUR LEGACY--AS A PEOPLE AND AS A COMMUNITY. AND NOW WE ENTER A NEW ERA--A PERIOD AS RICH IN PROMISE AS ANY IN OUR PAST, A TIME OF ECONOMIC CHANGE AND SOCIAL CHALLENGE.

AND SOMETIME IN THE NEXT CENTURY, WHEN THIS NEW ERA ENTERS OUR CHILDREN'S HISTORY BOOKS, LET THEM RECORD THIS--THAT BY BUILDING ON OUR TRADITIONS OF COMMUNITY AND OF OPPORTUNITY, ONCE AGAIN, THE PEOPLE OF MASSACHUSETTS LED THE WAY.

THANK YOU VERY MUCH.